

(b) if so, reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b). The proposals received by Government from the PSEs and other organisations for introduction of Pension Scheme to the employees of PSEs in lieu of the existing Provident Fund Scheme have been examined and it has been decided that in respect of retirement benefits, Public Sector Enterprises should continue with the Contributory Provident Fund Scheme. Individual Public Sector Enterprises may, if they so desire, work out a suitable annuity scheme through the Life Insurance Corporation of India, based on purely voluntary contributions by the employees, through a fund outside the Public Sector Enterprises and without any liability on the Public Sector Enterprises/ Government.

Eradication of Poverty

5486. SHRIDHARMABIKSHAM: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has sent any scheme to eradicate poverty for World Bank aid;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the quantum of assistance sought and the response of World Bank in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b). Government of Andhra Pradesh have evolved a project profile "Andhra Pradesh Poverty Alleviation Project" for possible World Bank support. The project includes investments in agricul-

ture and related sectors, irrigation, forestry, horticulture, sericulture, fisheries, education, women and child development, health etc. sectors.

(c) The suitability, timing and extent of World Bank assistance would depend on mandatory clearances from the concerned administrative ministries from technical, feasibility angle and the Planning Commission from resource angle, detailed project preparation and donor preference and availability of committable funds with donor agency.

Poverty Alleviation Scheme of A.P. for World Bank Assistance

5487. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received a Poverty Alleviation Scheme for World Bank assistance from the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon and the manner in which the said loan is proposed to be repaid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) to (c). Government of Andhra Pradesh have proposed a project profile "Andhra Pradesh Poverty Alleviation Project" for possible World Bank assistance. The project includes investments in agriculture and related sectors, irrigation, forestry, horticulture, sericulture, fisheries, education, women and child development, health etc.

The Ministry of Finance is studying the suitability, timing and extent of World Bank assistance subject to clearance from the concerned administrative ministries from the